

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY**

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

4:07 p.m.

Room 424, State Capitol Building

Chair Stakoe called the Standing Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith (11/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: (0/11)

Representative Nitz, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on March 15, 2006. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5553** before the committee.

HB 5553	Hune	Townships; public services; fire authorities; allow power to pass ordinances.
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Representative Hune explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

James Reed, Howell Fire Chief, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified on the bill and answered questions.

Lee Schwartz, representing the Michigan Home Builders Association, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, **as amended**, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Accavitti, supported by **Representative Virgil Smith**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 5553**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Nitz, Robertson, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith (11/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Nitz, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to report **House Bill 5553**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Nitz, Robertson, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith (11/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5718** before the committee.

HB 5718 Shaffer Local government; financing; per capita distribution of funds to local municipalities; allow.

Representative Shaffer explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

Dennis Allen, representing the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

David Northrup, representing the Sturgis Police Department, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified on the bill and answered questions.

David Ives, representing the Sturgis Police Department, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Thomas Bringman, representing the Three Rivers Police Department, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, submitted a testimony card in **support of the concept** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The **Chair** announced that the committee would go at ease, the time being **5:05 p.m.**

Chair Stakoe called the meeting to order, the time being **5:17 p.m.**

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5814** before the committee.

HB 5814 Booher Property tax; other; payments in lieu of taxes on certain state lands; subject purchase to local governmental approval and revise payment allocation.

Representative Booher explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **opposition** to the bill, but were unable to speak, due to time constraints:

Erin McDonough, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC);

Rodney Stokes, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **5:52 p.m.**

Representative John Stakoe, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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